Notes from the

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
TREE COMMITTEE
A quorum was not present
Monday May 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue

1. Roll Call - Present: Committee Members Boniello, Charlton, Hittle and Srago. Staff Liaison Prée also present

2. Comments from the Public on non agenda items-
   No members of the public present. Committee member Mike Charlton urged the committee to consider action to recommend a City ordinance that would limit tree removal on private property. Ralph Boniello relayed the recent Oakland USPS tree pruning incident that displaced nesting birds.

3. Report from the City Arborist- Stephen Prée reported on recent activities pertaining to City trees and Urban Forestry. He reported on the requirements for the 2014/15 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Grant and a discussion ensued regarding locating eligible Related Transportation Facilities (RTFs). Mike Charlton and Mike Srago volunteered to research.

4. Approval of the Minutes- The approval of minutes was tabled due to a quorum not being present.

5. Report from the Invest From The Ground Up business outreach campaign – Mike Srago and Janet Hittle reported on their April 26 brochure distribution progress and the feedback they received from business owners including a report of an unannounced tree removal and tree root/sidewalk/building foundation issues. The subcommittee recommended a continued distribution effort to the businesses that have not yet received the brochure and that they will schedule another meeting.

6. Hillside Natural Area Festival Day, May 17 - Ralph Boniello lead a discussion regarding the role of the Tree Committee as co-sponsors of the Hillside Festival and the creation and printing of a leaflet on Trees in the Hillside Natural Area.

7. Committee Work Plan for 2014/15 - The committee discussed the Action Plan Outline that was created by the ad-hoc subcommittee. The committee agreed that leadership is needed on each action item, the list was reorganized and refined for further ad-hoc subcommittee work.

8. Announcements- none

9. Discussion of future committee actions and agenda items:
   - 2014/15 Action Plan
   - Hillside Festival update
   - IFGU Outreach update
   - San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Update

10. Adjournment- 9:03